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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A mixture for the production of transparent plastics, comprising:

a) a prepolymer, produced from compounds of the formula (I) and (II)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^1 & R^2 \\
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\end{array}$$
(1)

wherein R<sup>1</sup> each independently of one another mean hydrogen or a methyl residue,

 $R^2$  each independently of one another mean a linear or branched, aliphatic or cycloaliphatic residue or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic or heteroaromatic residue and m and n each independently of one another mean a whole number greater than 0 with m + n > 0, and alkylthiols or polythiols,

HS-R<sup>3</sup>-SH (III)

wherein R<sup>3</sup> can similarly or differently from R<sup>2</sup> have the meaning stated in R<sup>2</sup>, and

- b) at least one radical polymerizable monomer (A) with at least two methyl acrylate groups; and
  - c) aromatic vinyl compounds,
- d) optionally, a radical polymerizable monomer with at least two terminal olefinic groups, which differ in reactivity, and/or
  - e) optionally, at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer (B);

f) or optionally, a mixture of d) and e); and

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g) an asymmetric crosslinker which is a radical polymerizable monomer with at least two terminal olefinic groups which differ in reactivity, of the general formula

$$\begin{array}{c}
Y \\
Q \\
R^{19}
\end{array}$$
wherein

the residue R<sup>19</sup> independently means a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom and/or a methyl group,

the residue R<sup>18</sup> is a linking group which contains 1 to 1000 carbon atoms, and the residue Y is a linkage or a linking group with 0 to 1000 carbon atoms and does not contain a carbonyl group directly connected to a carbon atom of the terminal olefinic group and directly connected to the oxygen adjacent to the residue Y in formula (XII).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that it contains which comprises more than 10 mol.% of compounds of the formula (II) with m + n = 2, based on the total quantity of the compounds of the formula (I), (II) and (III).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the residue R<sup>2</sup> of the formulae (I) and/or (II) is an aliphatic residue with 1 to 10 carbon atoms.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that which comprises the mixture contains more than 5.8 mol.% of compounds of the formula (II) with m + n = 3, based on the total quantity of the compounds of the formula (II) and (III).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that which comprises the mixture contains 1 to 50 mol.% of compounds of the formula (I), based on the total quantity of the compounds of the formula (I), (II) and (III).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that which comprises the mixture contains 1 to 40 mol.% of compounds of the formula (II) with m + n = 1, based on the total quantity of the compounds of the formula (I), (II) and (III).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that-which comprises the mixture contains compounds of the formula (II) with m + n > 3.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein a the total content of compounds of the formula (I), (II) and (III) is at least 5.0 wt.%, based on the total weight of the mixture.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that which comprises the mixture contains at least one monomer (A) which is copolymerizable with the prepolymers prepared from the monomers of the formulae (I), (II) and (III).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 9, <del>characterized in that</del>-which comprises the mixture contains di(meth)acrylates.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that which comprises the mixture preferably contains styrene as aromatic vinyl compounds.

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Claim 12 (Canceled):

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The <u>mixtures</u> as claimed in claim <u>1</u> 12, eharacterized in that which comprises they contain allylpolyethylene glycol methacrylate.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The mixtures mixture as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that which comprises they contain at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer (B).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The mixtures mixture as claimed in claim 14, eharacterized in that which comprises they contain 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A process for the production of transparent plastics, characterized in that comprising polymerizing a mixture as claimed in claim 1 is polymerized.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A transparent plastic obtainable obtained by a process as claimed in claim 16.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The plastic as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that-wherein a the refractive index of the plastic according to DIN 53491 is greater than 1.59.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The plastic as claimed in claim 17, eharacterized in that wherein an the Abbé number of the plastic according to DIN 53491 is greater than 36.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The plastic as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that wherein a the mean value of the diameter of the a ball which does not damage a the test specimen in the <u>a</u> falling ball test is  $\geq 18$ .

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The plastic as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that wherein a the transmission of the plastic according to DIN 5036 is  $\geq$  89%.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The plastic as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that having a its glass transition temperature is of greater than 80.0°C.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A mixture, containing:

- (a) a mixture as claimed in claim 1; and
- (b) at least one photochromic dye.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A photochromic material, comprising: containing a mixture as claimed in claim 23.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A method of using the a photochromic material, comprising:

incorporating said photochromic material as claimed in claim 24 as in a lens or a glass panes pane or a glass insert inserts.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The A method of using a the highly transparent plastic, comprising: incorporating said transparent plastic as claimed in claim 17 in as an optical lens.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): An optical lens, comprising: containing a transparent plastic as claimed in claim 17.

Claim 28 (New): The mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (XII) is a compound of formula (XIII)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{23} & & \\
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0 & R^{25} & \\
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R^{24} & 0
\end{array}$$
(XIII)

or of the formula (XIV)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{23} & O & O \\
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 & R^{24} & R^{23}
\end{array}$$
(XIV)

or mixture of formula (XIII) and formula (XIV);

wherein the residues  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  each independently of each other are a hydrogen or a methyl residue, and the residue  $R^{25}$  designates a linear or branched, aliphatic or cycloaliphatic divalent residue or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic or heteroaromatic divalent residue.

Claim 29 (New): A lens, a glass pane or a glass insert, comprising: the photochromic material as claimed in claim 24.

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Claim 30 (New): The mixture as claimed in claim 28, wherein the compound of formula (XIV) is a compound of the formula (XIVa)

wherein s and t are greater than or equal to zero and the sum s + t is in the range from 1 to 20.

Claim 31 (New): The mixture as claimed in claim 28, wherein the compound of formula (XIII) is a compound of the formula (XIVb)

wherein s and t are greater than or equal to zero and the sum s + t is in the range from 1 to 20.